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For : VARIABLE TEMPLATE INPUT AREA FOR A DATA INPUT DEVICE OF A HANDHELD ELECTRONIC SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed 03/19/2003, it was stated that the present patent application contains claims directed to patently distinct species of the claimed invention. As such, it has been required that an election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits be made pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 121 if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Specifically, it has been required that an election be made from the following species: Species I (figures 1-8), Species II (figure 9), Species III (figure 10), Species IV (figure 11), and Species V (figure 12).

ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE

Species I (figures 1-8) is hereby elected without traverse. Claims 1-6, 11-16, 21-28, and 33-41, and 46-49 are readable thereon. Further examination and reconsideration of the elected invention is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please withdraw Claims 7-10, 17-20, 29-32, and 42-45 from further consideration.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are now in a condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present patent application.

Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

Respectfully submitted,

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